

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF SOUTH)	
WOODFORD WATER DISTRICT PRO-)	
POSING INCREASED METER CON-)	CASE NO. 8521
NECTION CHARGES)	

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On September 14, 1981, South Woodford Water District ("South Woodford") initiated a series of tariff filings with the Commission. The tariff filings were transmitted through South Woodford's attorney and consulting engineer. In part, the tariff filings proposed increased meter connection charges.

The initiated tariff filing was returned on October 8, 1981, with advisory correspondence. The second tariff filing was returned with advisory correspondence dated October 22, 1981 and October 23, 1981. The third tariff filing was made on October 28, 1981, and returned December 1, 1981, with advisory correspondence. The fourth tariff filing was made March 2, 1982, and has been undergoing Commission investigation. The fifth tariff filing was made on April 27, 1982, and has also been undergoing Commission investigation.

The Commission has contacted various suppliers of meters and connection materials and installation contractors. The Commission has also made an analysis of recent orders to determine the average of authorized meter connection charges.

A comparison of findings follows:

<u>Connection Size</u>	<u>South Woodford</u>	<u>Commission</u>	
	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	<u>Supplier/ Contractor Average</u>	<u>Average of Orders</u>
5/8-inch meter	\$ 845	\$ NA	\$266
3/4-inch meter	845	562	306
1-inch meter	912	628	403
1½-inch meter	912	NA	517

The Commission currently has a case pending involving South Woodford's extension of service policy: Case No. 8504, Drury, et al. vs. South Woodford. The Commission is of the opinion that the matter of meter connection charges should be heard in conjunction with the proceedings in Case No. 8504. Furthermore, the Commission is of the opinion that South Woodford should be prepared to present evidence in this case concerning the cost of meter connections, including, specifically: (1) materials cost from at least three alternative sources of supply; and (2) labor rates and equipment rates from at least three alternative connection contractors.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that South Woodford's tariff filing to increase meter connection charges is hereby suspended for a period of 5 months from the date of this order. The part of the tariff filing hereby suspended is:

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the matter of meter connection charges be and it hereby is made a part of the proceedings in Case No. 8504.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that South Woodford shall be prepared to present evidence as outlined in this order concerning the cost of meter connections at public hearing on June 2, 1982, at 2:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing contained in this order shall prevent the Commission from entering further orders in this matter, in the event proceedings in this matter are terminated by final order or otherwise prior to termination of the period of suspension.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of May, 1982.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Marlin M. Volk
Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary